

# COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 610 submitted earlier today by Senators ROCKEFELLER and HUTCHISON.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 610) commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Graduate Research Fellowship Program of the National Science Foundation.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. CARDIN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD as if read.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 610) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

## S. RES. 610

Whereas the United States is a world leader in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fundamental research and related education;

Whereas an excellent STEM higher-education system is critical to the development of a robust and inclusive U.S. STEM workforce and to U.S. global science and engineering preeminence;

Whereas Congress and President Harry S. Truman created the National Science Foundation (NSF), an independent Federal agency, 62 years ago specifically to advance scientific discovery and innovation through the Nation's basic research and STEM education infrastructure;

Whereas fundamental research supported by NSF across all scientific disciplines have resulted in many significant contributions to Americans' health and security, as well as to technological innovation and U.S. economic prosperity;

Whereas advances in knowledge are made possible by researchers who focus on the fundamental properties of nature, and who mentor and educate the next generation of scientists and engineers;

Whereas 60 years ago, NSF purposefully created the Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) as an instrument to prepare the Nation's reservoir of science and engineering talent;

Whereas the GRFP, the country's oldest graduate fellowship program, supports outstanding graduate students pursuing masters and doctoral degrees in research at accredited U.S. institutions;

Whereas the GRFP has contributed to the development of outstanding U.S. scholars, entrepreneurs, teachers, mentors, and inventors who continue to support and promote the Nation's science and engineering enterprise and the next generation of scientists and engineers;

Whereas this flagship program helps maintain high-quality and highly skilled grad-

uates who enter the Nation's STEM workforce prepared to innovate and collaborate in the global scientific arena;

Whereas NSF has funded more than 46,500 competitive graduate research fellows with selection criteria based on the intellectual merit of their research and its potential broader impacts for society;

Whereas of the more than 200 NSF-supported Nobel laureates, 40 were selected as graduate research fellows, and more than 440 graduate research fellows have become members of the National Academy of Sciences;

Whereas graduate research fellows have an exceptionally high rate of doctorate completion;

Whereas since 2001, graduate research fellows have filed more than 1,000 patents while working toward their graduate degrees, thus contributing directly to scientific advancement and discovery;

Whereas since 2007, 1145 graduate research fellows were selected from Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research jurisdictions; and

Whereas NSF's GRFP continues to be an essential component of the Nation's discovery and innovation ecosystem, and is instrumental in STEM workforce development: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the 60th anniversary of the Graduate Research Fellowship Program of the National Science Foundation; and

(2) continues to recognize U.S. STEM graduate education as central to U.S. workforce competitiveness and our country's international leadership and economic prosperity.

## ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2012; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following the leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 11:45 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the previous order regarding retirement speeches remaining in effect; and that following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## PROGRAM

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, the time from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. tomorrow will be for speeches by our retiring Senators. At approximately 12:10 p.m., there will be two rollcall votes, the first on the passage of H.R. 6156, the Russia trade bill and the Magnitsky bill, and the second on confirmation of the Walker nomination.

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. CARDIN. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I

ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:11 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, December 6, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

### COAST GUARD RESERVE

PURSUANT TO TITLE 10, U.S. CODE, SECTION 12203, THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE:

### To be captain

ROBERT T. HANLEY  
GARY W. JONES  
DIRK A. STRINGER

### IN THE COAST GUARD

PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271(E), THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD:

### To be lieutenant commander

AUSTIN L. ADCOCK  
LAWRENCE F. AHLIN  
ANTONE S. ALONGI  
MONICA P. ANDERSEN  
MIKAEL D. ANDERSON  
JENNIFER J. ANDREW  
AUDIE J. ANDRY  
EDWARD S. APONTE  
MATTHEW S. AUSTIN  
BERNARD C. AUTH  
SAMUEL H. BABBITT  
BRIAN D. BACHTEL  
ENGRID A. BACKSTROM  
MICHAEL W. BAIRD  
JOHN E. BANNON  
ROGER B. BARR  
STEPHEN T. BAXTER  
TODD M. BEHNEY  
JAMES R. BENDLE  
PATRICIA M. BENNETT  
TORREY H. BERTHEAU  
ROBERT A. BIXLER  
KELLY C. BLACKBURN  
JULIE E. BLANCHFIELD  
RONALD D. BLEDSOE  
BRIAN T. BOLAND  
JEFFREY M. BOLLING  
ERIN M. BOYLE  
TOMMY J. BRACKINS  
COREY A. BRADDOCK  
ADAM C. BRENNELL  
MICHAEL D. BRIMBLECOM  
COLLIN R. BRONSON  
MARY D. BROOKS  
MEAGHAN H. BROSNAN  
CODY L. BROWN  
KATHERINE L. BROWN  
STACEY K. BROWN  
BRADLEY A. BRUNAUGH  
CHRISTOPHER D. BRUNCLIK  
MARTIN J. BRYANT  
ELIZABETH A. BUENDIA  
KENNETH J. BURGESS  
NICOLE S. BURGESS  
ADAM N. BURKLEY  
ERIC S. BURLEY  
KARA L. BURNS  
WILLIAM R. CAHILL  
MICHAEL J. CALDERONE  
JAMES J. CAMP  
JAMES M. CARABIN  
LUIS O. CARMONA  
JOEL B. CARSE  
CHRISTOPHER L. CARTER  
AARON J. CASAVANT  
CHRISTY S. CASEY  
DAVID K. CHAPMAN  
JEFFREY J. CHONKO  
GREGORY A. CLAYTON  
BRYAN J. COFFMAN  
BRADLEY D. CONWAY  
ADAM J. COOLEY  
JAMES R. COOLEY  
GEORGE H. COTTRELL  
JEREMY A. COURTADE  
MICHAEL T. COURTNEY  
ALLISON B. COX  
JONATHAN W. COX  
BROOKS C. CRAWFORD  
BYRON A. CREECH  
DANIEL A. CRUZ  
DAVID B. CRUZ  
WALTER L. DANIEL  
MICHAEL R. DARLAH  
ARTHUR M. DEHNZ  
PHILIP A. DELISLE  
JEREMY R. DENNING  
JARRON M. DEWITZ  
JENNIFER R. DOHERTY  
DOUGLAS M. DOLL